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of the East German Ministry of Railroads, the following quantities of bauxite were shipped by rail from Hungary to the GDR during the period from March to December 1953:

Month	Bauxite Shipped (in metric tons)	Destination of Shipments
March	9,473.2	Greiz-Doelau, Schwarzkollm-Lautawerk
April	26,742	Schwarzkollm-Lautawerk, Graefenhainichen, Dresden-Reick, Greiz-Doelau
May	6,389.7	Greiz-Doelau, Graefenhainichen, Dresden-Reick
June	21,472	Schwarzkollm-Lautawerk
July	33,568.6	Dresden-Reick, Greiz-Doelau, Graefenhainichen, Schwarzkollm-Lautawerk
August	29,336.8	Greiz-Doelau, Graefenhainichen, Schwarzkollm-Lautawerk
September	76,300	" " "
October	24,964.6	" " "
November	14,887.1	" " "
December	6,159.5	" " "
Total	249,293.5	

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Comment. Hungarian bauxite shipments to the GDR were covered completely after March 1953. Information on such shipments prior to this date is not available. The bauxite was dispatched from Bodajk, southwest of Budapest on the Szekesfehervar (Stuhlweissenburg) - Kisber railroad line. The bauxite was consigned to the alumina plants at Schwarzkolln-Lautawerk, west of Hoyerswerda; Greiz-Doelau, south of Greiz; and Grasfenhainichen, northeast of Bitterfeld. There are some minor plants processing aluminum near Dresden-Reick. However, these plants are not in a position to produce aluminum from bauxite. According to the Economic Plan, 21,500 tons of foundry aluminum were to be produced in 1953. This output would require 86,000 tons to 90,000 tons of bauxite. In 1954, the output of foundry aluminum is scheduled to be raised to 24,000 tons. This indicates that the quantities of bauxite imported by East Germany are far in excess of requirements for the aluminum production in the zone. It is therefore believed that a portion of the imported bauxite will be used for the manufacture of grinding agents, fire resistant stones and similar commodities.

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